Academy North Newsletter

Academy North Neighborhood Association October 2026

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Letter from the *President*

Vanessa Stranski

I'd like to discuss a very serious and important topic with you. I'm unsure how many residents realize how much good the association does for our neighborhood or how much work is involved. All of the officers are volunteers. All the committees are volunteers. No one is paid for the work they perform, from picking up litter while out on walks, to writing the newsletter, to finding and hiring contractors for the care and maintenance along Barstow and the 2 entrances. If it weren't for the association, we would have numerous broken down cars on our streets, over grown yards spreading weeds into neighbors yards, illegal automotive repair companies working from their homes including dropping off damaged cars outside residents homes awaiting repairs. All of these examples, plus many more are real and have been corrected by the association in the last 3 years in accordance to our by laws.

Could you imagine how run down and unappealing this neighborhood would be if these had not been addressed? Our home values would drop including rent prices.

In return, all we've asked is for owners to pay their annual dues and attend the annual meeting in March if they can.

This year only 22% of homeowners are supporting the association while 78% have not paid dues for 2026. At this rate we cannot pay the fees for the required maintenance along Barstow. If only 50% of owners pay dues, we would have the funds to pay for basic upkeep of the stucco wall and to run our association for an entire year. If you have not done so, please remit your dues. We need it.

Treasurer's Report Presented by Vanessa Stranski President

3/3/26 Previous Balance	$ 4,738.65
Deposits	
General fund deposit	$ -
Dues	$ 2,010.00
Total	$ 6,748.65
Expenses	
Secretary of NM Annual Report	$ -
District 4 Coalition	$ 25.00
Wall Repair (Mario Maldonado)	$ -
Barstow Landscape Trim (Issac Ortiz, Two Brothers Landscaping)	$ 1,235.00
Printing, signage (Staples)	$ 262.50
WordPress (Website)	$ 144.22
Newsletter (editor)	$ n/a
Misc (gift cards, pizza)	$ 533.99
Total Expenses	$ 2,200.71
Bank Statement as of 8/7/26	$4,457.94

Annual March Meeting Updates

After follow up by ANNA officers with notices on vehicles and emails, street parking issues have eased up. There have been less reports of complaints of crowding and extended stay parking.
Two “No Thru Traffic” sign that were posted inside the neighborhood near the south entrance at Parrot Run seems to be working. Reduced number of vehicles zipping up the road and then performing u turns have reduced. We posted two “Slow Down Albuquerque” signs on Parrot Run. Unfortunately the high winds kept breaking the sign at the eastern end and has been removed. The western end sign remains in place and residents report slower traffic. Thank you residents for slowing down!

Association Membership Dues:

If you value living or investing in a safe, clean and desirable neighborhood please contribute $50 annual payment for 2026 to ANNA via check or money order or use the online payment Zelle. **Dues break out to only $4.17 per month**. Your contributions to ANNA play an important role in keeping your property investments strong for full time residents and property owners alike. Please contact annatreasurer608@gmail.com or you can still make checks payable to ANNA, or cash and mail or bring to **7109 Hollis St NE.**

Beginning of next year we will have a membership drive for 2027 to help complete much needed repairs on the stucco wall and tree trimming.

Membership and Welcome

Membership:
Are you a renter? Please get on our email list to receive updates and useful information as we hope you join us.

New Neighbors:
Please welcome new home owner Mark Means.

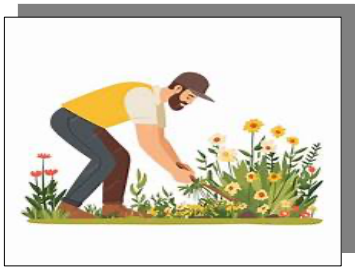
Beautification Committee

Vanessa Stranski

Now that fall is right around the corner please keep up with the leafs that will soon be dropping. Many leafs end up in your neighbors yards and in the gutter clogging runoff in the streets.

Pre-emergent Weed Control:

After 3 years of trying to co-ordinate volunteers to keep Barstow trimmed and raked, we decided in the spring to hire a contractor to spray for weeds all along Barstow and both entrances. The results were excellent and weed growth was reduced to virtually nothing for the entire summer, saving quite a bit of time and sweat by the beautification crew. And it looks great! This freed up the volunteer beautification crew to work on other projects around the



neighborhood.

Reminder For Residents

Senior residents: the Dept of Senior Services provides many services to older adults. These include Senior meals, Senior transportation, Senior Information & Assistance, Case Management, Home Services/ yard cleanup and more. Please go to cabq.gov/seniors or call: 505-764-6400.

Social Committee:

Sharon and Steve Barton

Thanks for hosting another fun event! And thanks to all the residents and owners who could make it. Fun was had by all. Guest speaker Mary White, president of Del Norte Neighborhood Association was invited and discussed their recent city art project of the mural along San Pedro. It was quite the effort and still ongoing with landscaping. She provided handouts and answered questions. They had their ribbon cutting ceremony earlier in the summer which was attended by Mayor Tim Keller, City Councilor Brooke Bassan and many other city reps, other neighborhood association officers, Del Norte neighborhood residents and the media.

Please visit our web site for all the pictures taken of our pizza event, raffle and attendees.

Helpful Info

ANNA President;
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ANNA Secretary: annasecretary9@gmail.com

ANNA Treasurer:
annatreasurer608@gmail.com

Smart911 – for cell phone users only, set up a profile with any pertinent information you may wish to help streamline important info to dispatcher preparing for first responders' arrival. Examples: known allergies, pets in the home, standing medical issues etc.

Our neighborhood is in City of Albuquerque

District 4 rep – Councilor Brook Bassan
bbassan@cabq.gov`

State Bernalillo District 27 – Marian Mathews
marian.mathews@nmlegis.gov

State of NM – **District 1** – Congressional Rep
Melanie Stansbury https://Stansbury.house.gov

Cabq.gov –All city departments can be accessed there.

311 City of Abq general help; request new trash cans, report street lights burned out, etc.

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Cooler Temps Are Here!



It's important for everyone to check their yards and start to clear falling leaves and branches in their yards from their trees. The winds carry these over to neighbors yards and into the gutters clogging the drains in the streets.

If you need help with these tasks please reach out to annapresident505@gmail.com for recommendations of very reasonable handymen that we have used. Lets do our part to support neighbors and our great community!

Market Update

Market Update for Academy North from 12/2025

Homes Sold (5)

$300,000 2 BR 1077 sqFt
$325,000 2 BR 1136 sqFt
$328,000 2 BR 1156 sqFt
$326,500 2 BR 1136 sqFt
$360,000 2 BR 1348 sqFt

Pending Homes (1)

$340,000 2 BR 1501 sqFt Listed price, final price TBD

Active on Market (2)

$320,000 2 BR 1256 sqFt
$330,000 2 BR 1142 sqFt

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